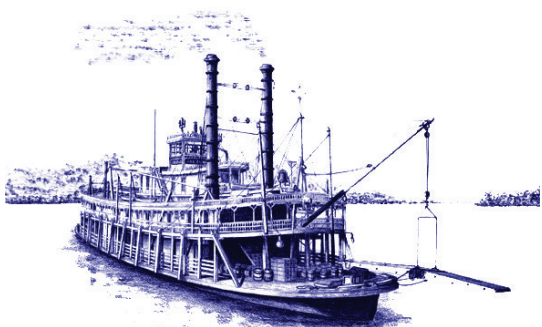




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Jail dealing with another COVID-19 outbreak

67 have symptoms or test positive

BY BOB DEMAREE
Positive cases of COVID-19 continue to surge both locally and statewide with nearly 300 new cases reported in the four-county area on Friday including what appears to be

another outbreak at the Jefferson County Jail where Sheriff Dave Thomas said 67 inmates have either symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19 along with some of the jail staff. With the surge of the Omicron

variant of COVID-19, Thomas said cases of COVID-19 have gradually increased over the last two weeks. The jail previously battled an outbreak in August and September of 2021 when up to 73 inmates were infected. “We’re keeping everybody safe,” said Thomas, noting that all inmates are being carefully

monitored, and if any become severely sick, they will be transported to the hospital. So far Thomas said inmates have only reported mild to moderate symptoms, and none have been transferred out for care at a higher level care. “Our jail officers and medical staff are working to ensure that

medical needs and other daily needs of the inmate population are met,” said Thomas. Meanwhile, Madison Consolidated High School will remain on virtual learning through Wednesday and Lydia Middleton Elementary was scheduled to return to the classroom today

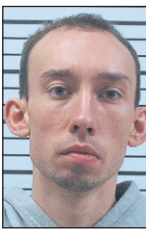
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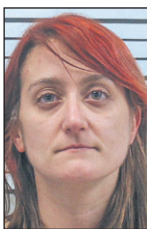
Jefferson County Jail Officer Zechariah Daniel (left) prepares to assume custody of Jeffrey Allen Konkle from Madison Police Officers Chad Wehner and Jordan Perry (right) after an arrest on West Street in downtown Madison on Monday morning.

Traffic stops net 4 arrests Monday

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A traffic stop in the 600 block of West Street — directly in front of the Madison Police Department — led to three drugs arrests on Monday morning, and then a stop shortly before noon on West Main Street led to an addition drug arrest. Madison Patrolman Chad Wehner executed the first traffic stop at 9:01 a.m. for an expired license plate. The vehicle was driven by



Zachary Shaffer



Natashia M. Jackson



Jeffrey Allen Konkle



Richard D. Barnes

Zachary Daniel Shaffer, 29, Madison and the passengers were Natashaia M. Jackson, 29, North Vernon and Jeffrey Allen Konkle, 43, Madison.

Jackson was found to have active felony arrest warrants in Jefferson County for Battery against a Public Official and Neglect of a Dependent

Child in Marion County, both Level 6 felonies. A subsequent search of the vehicle found all three to be in possession of methamphetamine and Jackson and Konkle were also found to be in possession of hypodermic needles. Jackson, Shaffer and Konkle were all charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, and Jackson and Konkle were both

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Arkansas man gets 3 years for child solicitation



Kyle F. Mueller

BY THE COURIER STAFF
An Arkansas man was sentenced to three years at Indiana Department of Correction Thursday on a Level 5 felony Child Solicitation conviction in Jefferson Superior Court. Kyle F. Mueller, 26, Peoria, Arkansas, pleaded guilty to one count of Child Solicitation, a Level 5 felony, involving a Jefferson County teen

between the ages of 14 and 16. The case, investigated by Indiana State Police with initial charges filed on June 26, 2020, accused Mueller, an adult over 21 years of age, of soliciting sexual intercourse with an individual between the age of 14 and 16. As part of the plea agreement, a misdemeanor charge of Dissemination of Matter Harmful

to Minors was dismissed. Superior Court Judge Blaine Goode sentenced Mueller to 3 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections, fully executed, with credit for 575 days served and earned credit of 192 days, for a total of 767 days left to serve on sentence. He is lodged in the Jefferson County Jail awaiting transfer to IDOC.

Substance abuse treatment facility push continues

Officials hope to establish program at new jail

BY BOB DEMAREE
Over the past year, monthly meetings have focused on developing a substance abuse treatment facility for Jefferson County. Madison Mayor Bob Courtney was on hand for the first group’s first meeting of 2022 to continue that push with an emphasis on getting a treatment program started at the new Jefferson County Sheriff and Criminal Justice Center that’s due to be completed in 2023.

“A huge barrier to bringing treatment options for substance use disorders is always going to be the up-front capital to get an effective program started,” said Courtney. “The high number of drug related arrests is proof that we need a treatment program in the new jail if we are ever going to tackle our drug abuse issues, reduce recidivism, and give people the tools they need to live a better life after incarceration.”

Courtney said months ago the city and county reached such an agreement in principle but there’s still plenty to do to make that happen.

“Nearly two years ago, the city and county agreed, in exchange for the city’s financial support, to incorporate an evidence based program like JCAP (Jail Chemical Addiction Program) into the design and operation of the new jail. Much work is still needed to bring this important service to fruition and it’s time we work together to make it happen,” the Mayor said.

The group that’s been meeting was organized by Jefferson County Commissioner Ron Lee and Jim Courter, a retiree from Madison State Hospital, as a residential treatment subcommittee of the county’s Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) that was created by legislation last year.

Much of the early part of the meeting was discussion about the need for data to make the case to governmental agencies to provide funding for a treatment facility building, and the ways to go about doing that.

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OBITUARIES

Hugh Garner

Hugh Edward Garner, 67, of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at his home after unexpectedly being diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and declining rapidly.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1954, in Batesville, Indiana, to Charles Edward Tremain and Maxine Yvonne Burns Scranton. He was raised in Lawrenceburg and Switzerland County in Indiana and graduated from Switzerland County High School in 1972. He attended Vincennes University's Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and continuously maintained several professional certifications and licenses, including Paramedic, throughout his EMS career. He married Deborah Ann Farrington on Sept. 29, 1972, on Tapp's Ridge in Switzerland County, and they had a son and a daughter. He began his career in EMS with Switzerland County Emergency Unit in 1972 and later worked with Gans Funeral Home and Ambulance Service in Madison. He served as a police officer with the City of Madison for five years and worked with Athens Ambulance Service. He then opened Med-Care Ambulance Service in Madison and operated it for five years. He served as EMS Education Coordinator for Jackson County EMS, retiring after 30 years and eight months in August of 2021. In his spare time, he served as a IHSAA sports official from 1978-2022 in basketball,

softball, baseball, volleyball, track and cross country. He married Annabet Banks Goble on June 24, 1995, in Milton, Kentucky, and merged their families adding a stepson and stepdaughter. He was a member of the New Life Community Assembly of God Church in Bedford, Kentucky, held membership in the Mid Hoosiers Officials Association, serving on its board, and was a founder of Medical Explorers, an IHSAA sports official clinician, and a judge for several national JEMS Conference Ambulance Competitions. He had served as an EMT/ Paramedic for more than 49 years and held the oldest active EMS certification in the state of Indiana. He was named Paramedic of the Year in 2005 by the Indiana EMS Commission in recognition of outstanding service and dedication. On Jan. 21, 2022, the Indiana State EMS Office recognized him at the EMS Commission meeting for his nearly 50 years of service by making him the first person to be awarded to the Emeritus award and the State EMS Director's award. He developed the first EMT Course at Ivy Tech Community College in 1985, and continued to serve part-time as a course coordinator and or instructor in all levels of EMS courses until the time of his death. He also currently held a part-time security and safety staff position at Hanover College. He worked in security with Belterra Casino and Resort in Switzerland County, and primarily served as

liaison between Belterra and the musical artists who performed. He served his communities, students, athletes and the state of Indiana his entire working career.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years Annabet Banks Goble Garner of Madison; his son, Chad Edward Garner of Seymour, Indiana; his daughter, Amy Lynn Garner Denny of Lexington, Indiana; his stepson, Brenton Goble of Madison; his stepdaughter, Ellen Maryaj Goble of Madison; his sister, Mary Jane Garner of North Vernon, Indiana; his half-brother, Johnnie Tremain of Lawrenceburg; and six grandchildren, a great granddaughter, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his half-brother, former Lawrenceburg Mayor Paul E. Tremain Sr. in 2010; his half-sister, Kathy Tremain in 2019; and other family.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Madison Assembly of God Church in Madison. Interment will follow in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 11 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Assembly of God (Missions Fund) in Bedford or Relay for Life of Jefferson County, Indiana through the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Elizabeth White

Elizabeth "Jinx" White, 78, of Madison, Indiana, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at her residence in Madison.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1943, in Madison, to Thomas E. and Frances M. "Billie" Aspinall Keach. She graduated from Hanover High School and attended Ball State University. She worked at US Shoe Factory, Madison Country Club, Madison Elks Lodge, the Hereford Lounge and was previously activity director at the former Clifty Falls Convalescent Center. In her spare time, she enjoyed collecting antiques, gardening, taking care of her dog, Pepper, and spending time with her grandchildren. She grew up boating and enjoyed her time on the pontoon, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and enjoyed taking care of others, from babies to the elderly. She volunteered in the local school system and was involved with the American Cancer Society, the Humane Society, St. Jude Children's Research and numerous other organizations.

Survivors include her children, Robin Ann Danner, David Blane White and Shannon O'Neal, all of Madison, and Susan Stoner of Smyrna, Tennessee; her sister, Dixie Harsin of Madison; her brother, Mark Keach of Madison; and seven grandchildren and a great grandchild

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, David White; and her companion, Heinz Koop-Lampe.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison's hilltop.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Youth Shelter, the Jefferson County Animal Shelter or the Madison Riverfront Development Committee through the funeral home or online, lytlewelty.com.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:51 a.m.
Sunset: 5:56 p.m.
Temperature: High 42, Low 19, Mean 30.5, Excess 0.3
Precipitation since last published: 0.
Precipitation, January: 4.96.
Precipitation, 2022: 4.96.
Barometer: 29.79, Falling
River Level at IKE: 426.8, Steady
Three-Day Forecast: Wednesday: Sunny 23/Low 11; Thursday: Mostly cloudy 37/Low 26; Friday: Snow showers 30/Low 14.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.	JAN. 25 Frederica R. Congleton Buddy Gaw Jeffery Jenkins Patrick Lanman
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JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS
Jan. 21, 2022

Michael K. Jester, 60, on a Jefferson County Bench Warrant. Bond \$500 cash only.

Jan. 24, 2022

Travis Ray Combs, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; Battery-Moderate Bodily Injury, a Level 6 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor; and Probation Violation. Bond \$4,000 cash only.

Natashia M. Jackson, 29, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; and Neglect of a Dependent-Child Violations and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies (no bond); and on arrest warrants for Jefferson County (Bond \$3,000 cash) and Marion County (no bond).

Jeffrey Allen Konkle, 43, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; and Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Zachary Daniel Shaffer, 29, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS
Jan. 18, 2022

Joshua Lee McGinnis, 29, Hanover, for Burglary-Two Counts, both Level 5 felonies. Sentenced to four years at Indiana Department of Correction, concurrent, with credit for 222 days served and to run consecutive to sentences in Clark and Scott counties plus \$185 in fees and court costs.

Jim L. Bear, 49, Lafayette, Indiana, for Unlawful Possession of a Legend Drug, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 910 days jail with credit for 105 days served and 700 days suspended for probation with

community corrections. Also to pay 300 in fees and court costs plus monthly \$25 fee during probation period.

Joseph Donald Shaw Jr., Milton, Kentucky, for Domestic Battery in Presence of Child Less Than 16 Years Old, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 89 days served and 187 days suspended for probation with community corrections. Also sentenced to 178 days jail for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor, with credit for 89 days served and license suspended for 90 days. Released for time served without conditions but pursuant to any other outstanding holds. Also to pay \$700 in fees and court costs plus monthly \$25 fee during probation period.

Joshua Lee McGinnis, 29, Hanover, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 166 days served. Released for time served without conditions but consecutive to felony sentences in Clark and Scott counties plus \$185 in fees and court costs.

Thomas A. Downey, 44, Madison, for Battery Against a Public Safety Official, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 360 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with no probation, with credit for 56 days served and 124 days remaining to serve plus \$285 in fees and court costs.

Shawn Andrew Bushong, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days probation with credit for two days served and 366 days remaining to serve plus \$150 in fees and court costs.

James Rockford Charles Stephan, Madison, for Public Intoxication-Endangerment, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to eight days jail with credit for four days served. Released without conditions.

Jan. 19, 2022

Jennifer Lynn Jones, Madison, for Neglect of a Dependent-Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony; and Neglect

Marilyn Hagerdon of Ghent, Kentucky and Nina Cutshaw Oney of Cape Coral, Florida; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father on July 6, 2014; and his wife, Peggy O'Neal Cutshaw, on April 19, 2016.

A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced.

Arrangements entrusted to Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

of a Dependent-Endangerment and Domestic Battery Committed in the Presence of a Child Age 16 or Younger, both misdemeanors. Sentenced to a total of 730 days jail with credit for four days served and 722 days suspended for probation with community corrections plus \$435 in fees and court costs.

Lawrence B. Church, Hanover, for Invasion of Privacy-Violation of Court Order,a misdemeanor. Sentenced to 360 days jail with credit for zero days served and 360 days suspended for probation plus \$250 in fees and court costs.

David Russal Cox, 36, Madison, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Conviction Within 10 Years, a misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail and \$235.50 in fees and court costs.

Jan. 20, 2022

Michael Ray Stakelin, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days jail with credit for two days served and 366 days suspended for probation with community corrections plus \$1,160 in fees and court costs.

Derek A. Ledbetter, Hanover, for Battery Resulting in Bodily Injury, a Level 6 felony; and Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class A misdemeanor, concurrent. Sentenced to 545 days jail on each charge with credit for five days served and 535 days suspended for probation with community corrections. Also sentenced for Residential Entry,a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 96 days served and 173 days suspended for probation with community corrections plus a combined \$520.50 in fees and court costs.

Kyle F. Mueller, 26, Peoria, Arkansas, for Child Solicitation-Defendant 21 Years or Older and Victim Between the Ages of 14 and 16, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with no probation, with credit for 767 days served plus \$285 in fees and court costs.



Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of
Mr. Walter Stanley "Wally" James

Mr. Walter Stanley "Wally" James, age 57, of Austin, Indiana formerly of Hanover entered this life on February 5, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Marilyn Lee James May and Alvin Gene May. He was raised in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and attended school there. On June 30, 1995 he was united in marriage to Charlene Gail Slayback in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. This union was blessed with three children, Sarah, Isaac and Lyndsey. The family resided in the Hanover community for eight years and the past five and a half years in Austin. He had worked at the Schwans Factory in Florence, Kentucky. He was a member of the Scottsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. He enjoyed cars, coloring and going junkin. Wally died on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. at the Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, Indiana after a battle with Covid 19.

A LOVING FAMILY
Wally will be missed by his loving wife of 26 years, Charlene Gail Slayback James of Austin, Indiana; jos daughter, Sarah James of Austin, Indiana; his son, Isaac James of Austin, Indiana; his step daughter, Lyndsey Dickerson of Dillsboro, Indiana; his father, Alvin Gene May of Feider, Texas; his brothers in law and sisters in laws, Angie Schmar of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Dennis Slayback of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Troy Slayback and his wife, Cindy of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Darlene Brown of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Susan Perry and her husband, Roger of Patriot, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Lee James May, and his brothers, Ricky May and Allen May.

FUNERAL CEREMONY
Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm, by Pastor Joseph Quiles at the Scottsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1155 West McClain Avenue in Scottsburg, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Zoah Christian Church Cemetery near Scottsburg, Indiana.

VISITATION
Friends may visit Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Scottsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1155 West McClain Avenue in Scottsburg, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS
Memorial contributions may be made to the Scottsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at <http://www.morgan-nay.com/>

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Ava Hankinson

Avanita “Ava” Louise Parker Hankinson, 53, of Lexington, Indiana, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at the Albert Chandler Hospital Pavilion A in Lexington, Kentucky, where she had been a patient since Nov. 29, 2021.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1968, in Long Beach, California, to Hugh Chester and Vivian Liter Parker. She was raised in Trimble County, Kentucky, and was a 1985 graduate of Trimble County High School. She married Dale Hankinson in 1989 and they had three children. She worked early in life for US Shoe Corporation in Madison, Indiana, and then with Grote Industries as an assembler the past 29 years. She was baptized at the Mt. Byrd Christian Church in Milton, Kentucky. She enjoyed floating around in her pool, drinking mimosas, and her dog, Cash. She will be remembered for her warrior spirit, humor and kindness. She enjoyed holidays and having her family together.

Survivors include her mother of Orlando; her companion of 10 years,

Jason “Honey” Perkins, of Lexington, Indiana; her daughters, Holly Beach of Carrollton, Kentucky and Autumn Hankinson of Austin, Texas; her son, Austin Hankinson of Madison; her stepson, Tanner Perkins of Scottsburg, Indiana; her brothers, Brian Parker of Orlando and Martin Parker of Lexington, Kentucky; her sister, Nevie Everly of Lexington, Kentucky; and two grandchildren, her nieces and nephew, cousins, aunts, uncles and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father and a cousin.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, Hanover Chapel, in Hanover, Indiana. Visitation is 4 p.m. until time of services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Dan Carter

Daniel Lee “Dan” Carter, 82, of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at the Hanover Health & Rehab Center in Hanover, Indiana.

Funeral services, previously delayed due to an illness in the family, will be held in Milan, Tennessee, with interment to follow in in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Milan. Local visitation will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the

Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dan Carter Remembrance Fund or Jefferson County Animal Shelter through the funeral home. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

His full obituary was originally published in The Madison Courier on Jan. 13, 2022.

Carl Schaum

Carl George Schaum, 75, of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Funeral

arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Mary Sebree

Mary Ann Sebree, 80, of Rexville, Indiana, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at her home.

She was born near Lawrenceburg, Indiana, on Nov. 13, 1941, to Jim and Alma Buchanan Richardson. She married Curtis Sebree on April 11, 1959. She was a former resident of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and she and her husband returned to the Rexville area upon his retirement. She was a homemaker and member of Shelby Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Hayes of

Edmond, Oklahoma; and two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 60 years on Oct. 11, 2019; and her brother, Jimmy Richardson.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 24, at the Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, Indiana. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Shelby Cemetery or the Ripley County Humane Society through the funeral home or online, skfuneralhome.com.

Robert Consley

Robert Glenn Consley, 85, of Hanover, Indiana, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be

announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, Hanover Chapel, in Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Lona Hickman

Lona Mae Nuckles Hickman, 92, of Florence, Indiana, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at the Schneck Medical Center in Seymour,

Indiana. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana, www.haskellandmorrison.com.



Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mr. Hugh Edward Garner



Mr. Hugh Edward Garner, age 67, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on September 26, 1954 in Batesville, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Charles Edward Tremain and Maxine Yvonne Burns Scranton. He was raised in Lawrenceburg and Switzerland County and graduated from Switzerland County High School in 1972. Hugh attended Vincennes University, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and continuously maintained several professional certifications and licenses, including Paramedic, throughout his EMS career. He was united in marriage to Deborah Ann Farrington on September 29, 1972 at the Fredonia Baptist Church on Tapp's Ridge in Switzerland County. This union was blessed with a son, Chad Edward and a daughter, Amy Lynn. He began his career in EMS with Switzerland County Emergency Unit in 1972 and later working with Gans Funeral Home and Ambulance Service in Madison. He served as a police officer with the City of Madison for five years and worked with Athens Ambulance Service. He then opened Med-Care Ambulance Service in Madison and operated it for five years. Hugh served as the EMS Education Coordinator for Jackson County EMS, retiring after 30 years and eight months in August of 2021. In his spare time, he served as a passionate and dedicated Sports Official with IHSAA from 1978-2022 for basketball, softball, baseball, volleyball, track and cross country. On June 24, 1995, Hugh was united in marriage to Annabet Banks Goble at the Milton Christian Church in Milton, Kentucky. This happy union merged two families together and blessed Hugh with a stepson, Brenton, and a stepdaughter, Ellen Maryaj. Hugh was a member of the New Life Community Assembly of God Church in Bedford, Kentucky, held membership in the Mid Hoosiers Officials Association and serving on the board, founder of Medical Explorers, an IHSAA sports official clinician, a judge for several national JEMS Conference Ambulance Competitions, and was always willing to serve where he was needed. In April 2022 he would have served 50 years as an EMT/Paramedic, and he held the oldest active EMS certification in the state of Indiana; his certification number was 71. Hugh was awarded Paramedic of the Year in 2005 by the Indiana EMS Commission in recognition of outstanding service and dedication. On January 21, 2022, the Indiana State EMS Office recognized Hugh at the EMS Commission meeting for his nearly 50 years of service by making him the first person to be awarded the Emeritus award and the State EMS Director's award. Hugh developed the first EMT Course at Ivy Tech Community College in 1985, and continued to serve part-time as a Course Coordinator and or Instructor in all levels of EMS courses until the time of his death. He also currently held a part-time Security and Safety staff position at Hanover College. Hugh worked in Security with Belterra Casino and Resort in Switzerland County, and primarily served as a liaison between Belterra and the musical artists who performed. Hugh served his communities, students, athletes and the State of Indiana with an unwavering commitment of dedicated service his entire working career. Hugh was unexpectedly diagnosed on December 21, 2021 with an aggressive form of cancer, declined rapidly, and passed away on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 4:20 p.m. at his home in Madison, Indiana with his devoted wife, and family at his side.

A LOVING FAMILY

Hugh will be missed by his loving wife of 26 years, Annabet Banks Goble Garner of Madison, Indiana; his son, Chad Edward Garner and his wife, Amber of Seymour, Indiana; his daughter, Amy Lynn Garner Denny and her husband, Jerry of Lexington, Indiana; his step-son, Brenton Goble and his wife, Traci of Madison, Indiana; his step-daughter, Ellen Maryaj Goble of Madison, Indiana; his grandchildren, Logan, Brady, Alexandria, Kinslee, Bailee, and Isaac; his great granddaughter, Iyla; his sister, Mary Jane Garner of North Vernon, Indiana; his half-brother, Johnnie Tremain and his wife, Kim of Lawrenceburg, Indiana; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-laws, Suellen and L.F. Stephenson, Jr. of Milton, Kentucky, Steve and Stella Banks of Lamb, Indiana; Lori Tremain of Lawrenceburg, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Edward Tremain, died January 2, 2002, his mother, Maxine Yvonne Burns Scranton, died February 4, 1987, his half-brother and his half-sister, former Lawrenceburg Mayor, Paul E. Tremain, Sr. died 2010 and Kathy Tremain, died August 13, 2019, and his son-in-law, Jeremy Ryan Cox, died July 26, 2020.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m. by Pastor Joel Whitice and Pastor Jason Dailey at the Madison Assembly of God Church, 1636 Clifty Drive Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Moffett Cemetery, Milton; Kentucky.

VISITATION

Friends may visit from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, and from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the Madison Assembly of God Church, 1636 Clifty Drive in Madison, Indiana. ALL VISITATION IS AT THE CHURCH.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Assembly of God (Missions Fund), Bedford, Kentucky, or Relay for Life of Jefferson County, Indiana. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at <http://www.morgan-nay.com/>

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Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mr. Daniel Lee “Dan” Carter



Mr. Daniel Lee “Dan” Carter, age 82, of Madison, Indiana, entered this life on September 19, 1939 in Milan, Tennessee. He was the loving son of the late Harvey T. and Mary Elizabeth Frazier Carter. He spent his child and early teen years in Milan, Tennessee before the family moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1955. Dan graduated from Marshall High School in 1957 and then majored in business at Morton Junior College. Dan was united in marriage to Charlotte Curry on August 12, 1961 in Chicago, Illinois. Dan began his 50-year career with Sears in 1957 at the original Sears store in Chicago, Illinois. He held many different positions with the company, ranging from shipping/receiving clerk, assistant office manager, personnel manager to buyer manager. Dan and Charlotte moved to Richmond, Kentucky in 1975 before settling down in Madison in 1978. He worked in Madison for many years and eventually bought the Sears Hometown Store in 2010. After Sears closed the catalog store in 1996, he served as building inspector for the City of Madison, headed the Madison Regatta as executive director, accommodated vehicle transportation for local dealers and worked as a salesman for Redwood homes. Dan was a huge supporter of the Madison Regatta serving as president, vice president and race chairman. Dan retired in 2018 after he suffered a major stroke. Dan was also a member of the YMCA Indian Guides, Sons of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge #581, Jefferson County EMA Director, plus served as county chair of the Republican Party for many years. He loved spending time with his family, especially being a Poppy to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. If he wasn't working at a public job, he enjoyed being outside mowing, trimming and keeping his yard neat. And if not doing that, Dan delighted in going to yard sales and tinkering in the garage. He also found pleasure in playing an occasional round of golf with friends and occupying a seat in Jon Peddie's garage. Dan enjoyed his pets, especially with them sitting on his lap while he watched NASCAR and Tennessee Volunteer football or listened to old country or gospel music. Dan was of the Christian faith and held a membership at Walnut Grove Methodist Church and North Madison Christian Church. Dan passed away peacefully on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hanover Health & Rehab Center in Hanover, Indiana.

LOVING FAMILY

Dan will be missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Charlotte Curry Carter of Madison, Indiana; his sons, Mike Carter and his wife Jeanna of Madison, Indiana, Steve Carter and his wife Cindy of Madison, Indiana; his grandchildren, Jedidiah Carter, Aubreanna Carter, Kealyn Jester (Richard), Wyatt Carter (Katelyn); his great grandchildren, Dawson Gray, Leeah Jester, and one expected in 2022; his brother, Bob Carter and his wife Rachel of Milan, Tennessee; his nieces, Sharon Lantz of Ohio, Karen Lamprecht and her husband Mike of Tennessee, Becky Dodd and her husband Dale of Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey T. Carter, his mother, Mary Elizabeth Frazier Carter, his brother, Edgar Carter, his sister, Dorothy Carter, his nephews, Tommy Carter and Jeffery Carter, his sister in law, Minnie Fuchs, his father in law, Charles Alfred Curry, their beloved aunt, Annie Curry.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services are being scheduled and will be held in Milan, Tennessee. Interment will follow in the funeral service in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Milan, Tennessee.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

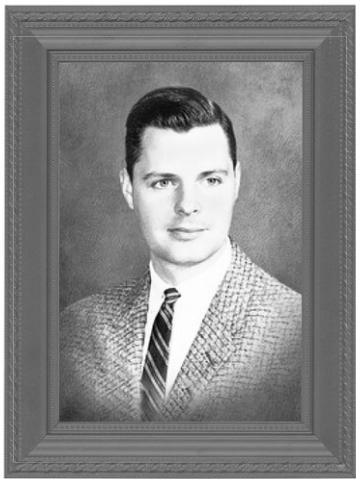
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Memorial contributions may be made to Remembrance Fund or Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com



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Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mrs. Ronda Sue Powell Bowling



Mrs. Ronda Sue Powell Bowling, age 55, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on September 22, 1966 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Ronald Dale and Sandra Sue Roberts Powell. She resided all of her life in Jefferson County and was raised in the Kent United Methodist Church. She graduated in 1985 from Southwestern High School. Ronda was first united in marriage to Art Peters and this union of five years was blessed with a son, Justin. She worked downtown at the U.S. Shoe Corporation for 8 years. On March 26, 1999 she was united in marriage to Kenneth E. Bowling. They had shared almost 29 years of companionship together. For the past 24 years she worked as a community support person for Developmental Services at Sandstone. She was a faithful member of the Hanover Baptist Church, enjoyed membership in the Best Buddies, the Cam Car Club, and the Boy Scout Crew where she served as a leader. She enjoyed helping her clients, loved her cats, going to yard sales, and helping with the Boy Scouts. Ronda died on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:02 p.m. at the King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Ronda will be missed by her loving husband, Kenneth E. Bowling of Madison, Indiana; her loving son, Justin Peters and his wife, Angela of Madison, Indiana; her four legged children, Tazzy and Bear; her four legged grand dogs, Fred, Jo Jo, Norman, Donald, Penny, and Sonny; her loving sister, Teresa Powell Jones and her husband, Jim of Brooksbury, Indiana; her nephews, Robbie (Andrea) and Chris (Kelsey); her great niece and great nephew, Annabelle and Ryder; her aunts, Vicky Schirmer, Virginia Adams, Irene Shelley, Bess Cutshall, Doris Kroger and Gay Powell; cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Dale Powell, died October 18, 2004, her mother, Sandra Sue Roberts Powell, died March 28, 2011, her sister, Melissa “Missy” D. Powell, died April 2, 2013, her grandparents, Joe B. Roberts, died December 22, 2000, Norma Jean Kreeger Roberts, died December 17, 1999 Frank & Inez Powell, her great grandparents, Milton Kreeger, died November 17, 1979, Beulah Corman Kreeger Muster, and Helen Kreeger, died August 26, 2017.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., by Pastor J.D. Traylor at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Zoar Cemetery near Kent, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronda Bowling Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at <http://www.morgan-nay.com/>



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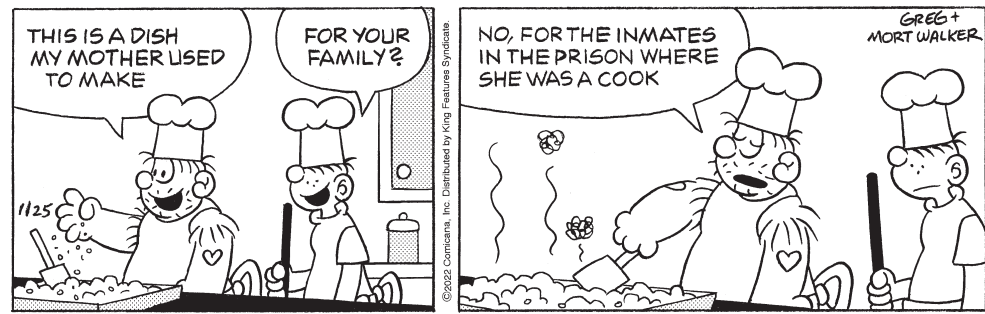
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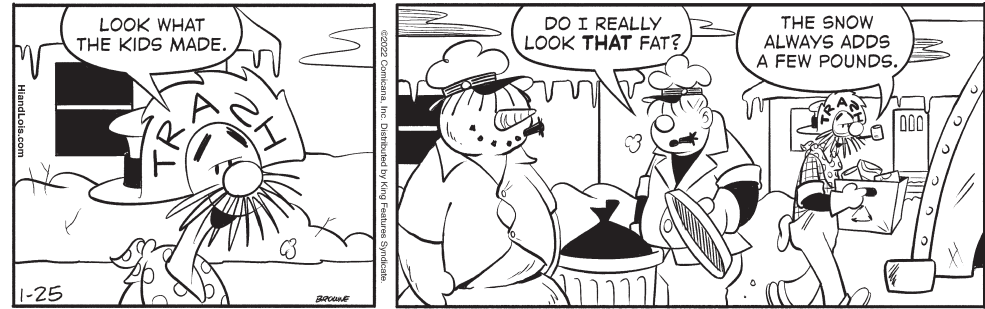
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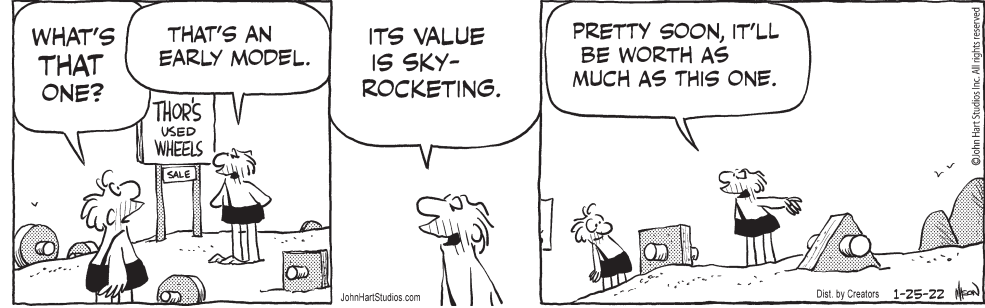
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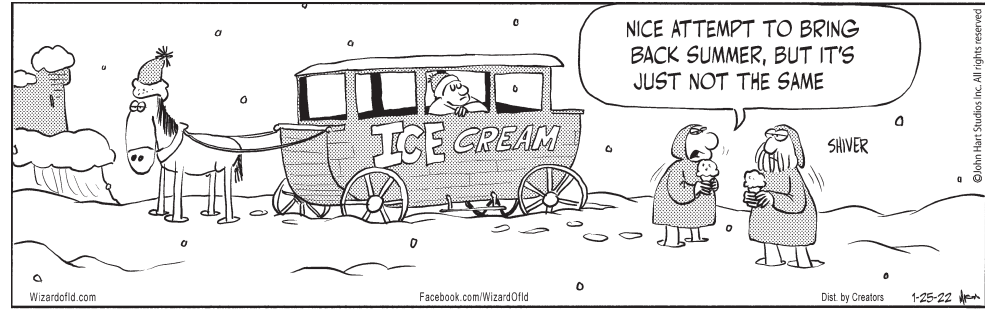
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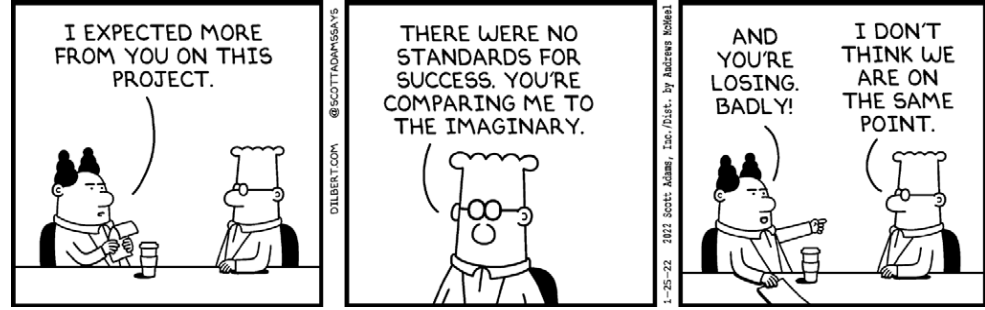
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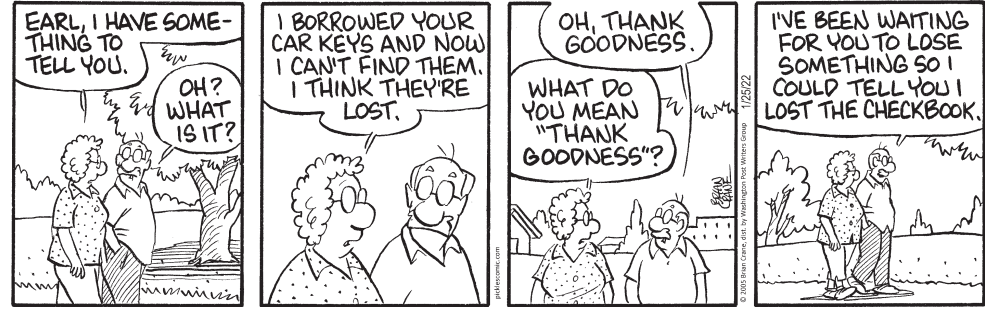
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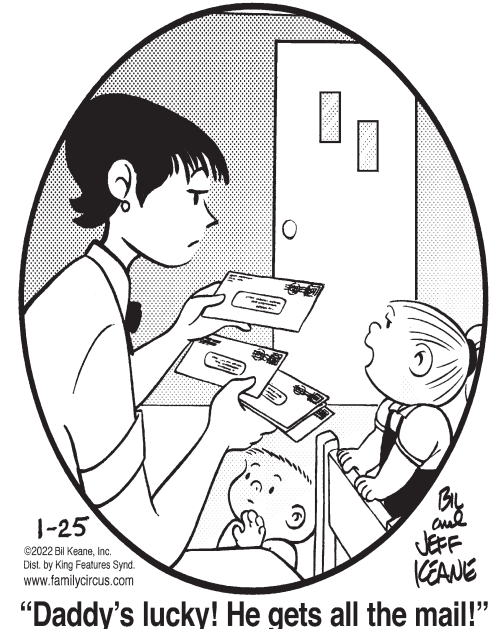


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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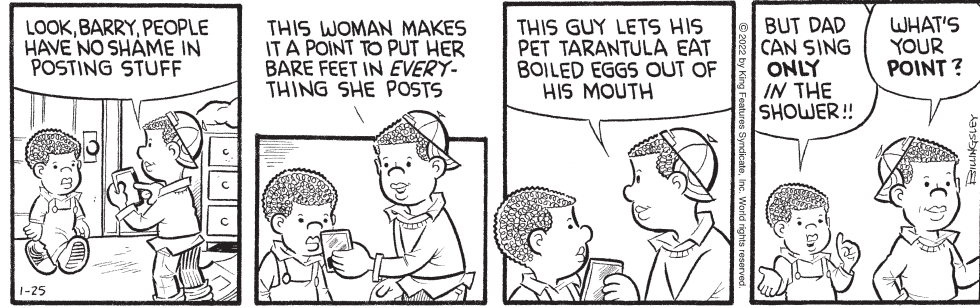
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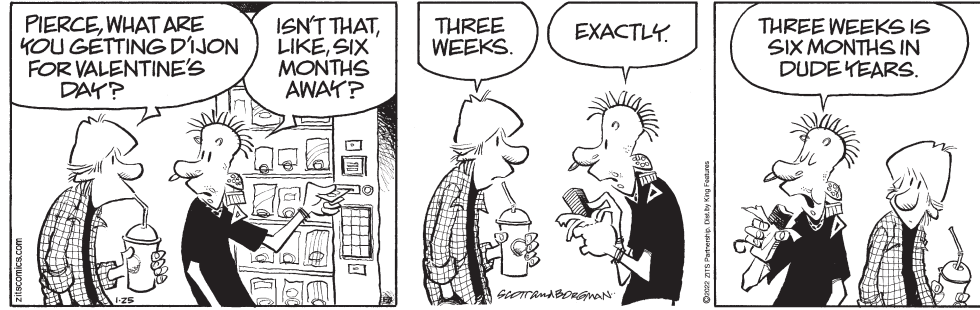
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Reacting to mother's dementia

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for a long time, and he is a great guy. However, when it comes to my 80-year-old mom, it's another story. Mom has dementia and says many things that are incorrect or confusing. My husband constantly corrects her in a condescending way. I know he does love her, but this makes for very uncomfortable situations.



ANNIE LANE
DEAR ANNIE

from your mother until he learns how to treat people kindly. You might want to seek professional counseling or join a support group for those living with people who have dementia. Dear Annie: I just wanted to say thank you for keeping an open mind. I've noticed that, on different occasions, readers sometimes challenge you or want to "add to" some of your answers based on their education or personal experiences. You are willing to keep an open mind and welcome the input. For that, I say, BRAVO!

Of course, not all of the input is valid, and some is downright silly, but for the most part, it is good advice and, along with your answers, helps me step out of my comfort zone and rethink issues I can apply to my own life.

Great job! Keep up the good work! — Very Impressed in New Mexico

Dear New Mexico: Thank you from the bottom of my heart. When

anyone, including advice columnists, thinks they have all the answers, run a hundred miles. We are all doing the best we can, but being infallible is neither promised nor expected — nor is it possible.

Dear Annie: I read with loving interest the letter from "Grieving Father" on the loss of his son. His suggestions were spot on. I would like to offer him my prayers during this very hard time, as I lost my daughter six years ago.

Family I do not have; they are with our Lord also. My memories are my therapy, and I also get counseling, which helps.

Keep strong in your faith, and remember your son always with a smile on your face. My very best to you and yours. — Very Grieving Mom

Dear Grieving Mom: Thank you for addressing the grieving father. There is life as you knew it before you lost a child and life after. The life after is forever altered. It is my hope that, as a community, we continue to help those who are grieving or suffering and show them kindness, empathy and love.

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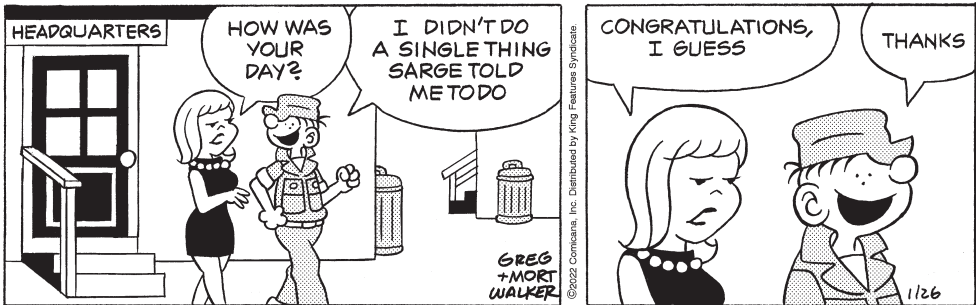
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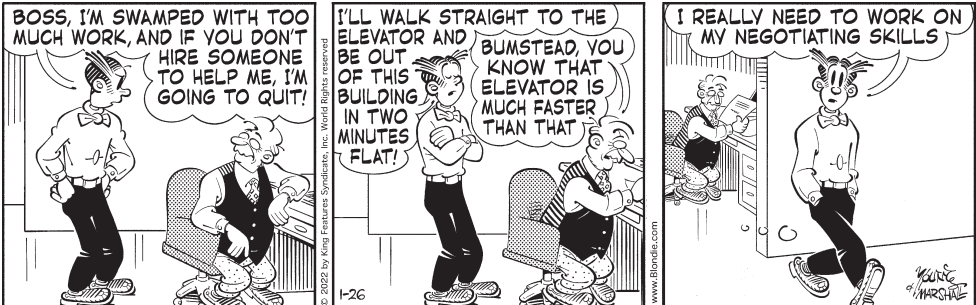
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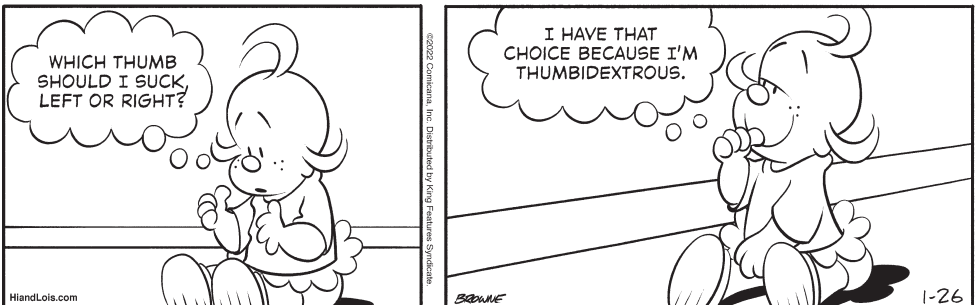
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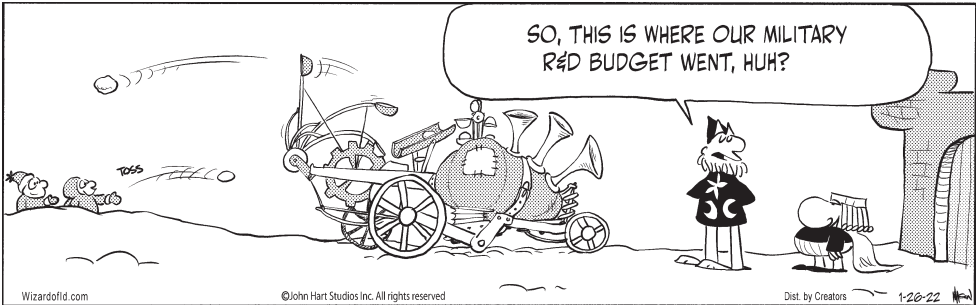
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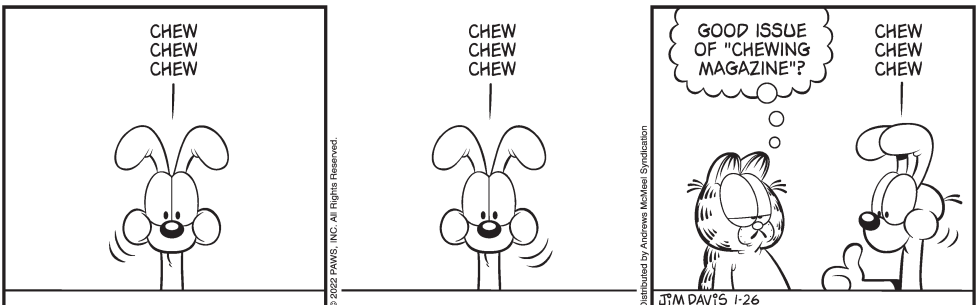
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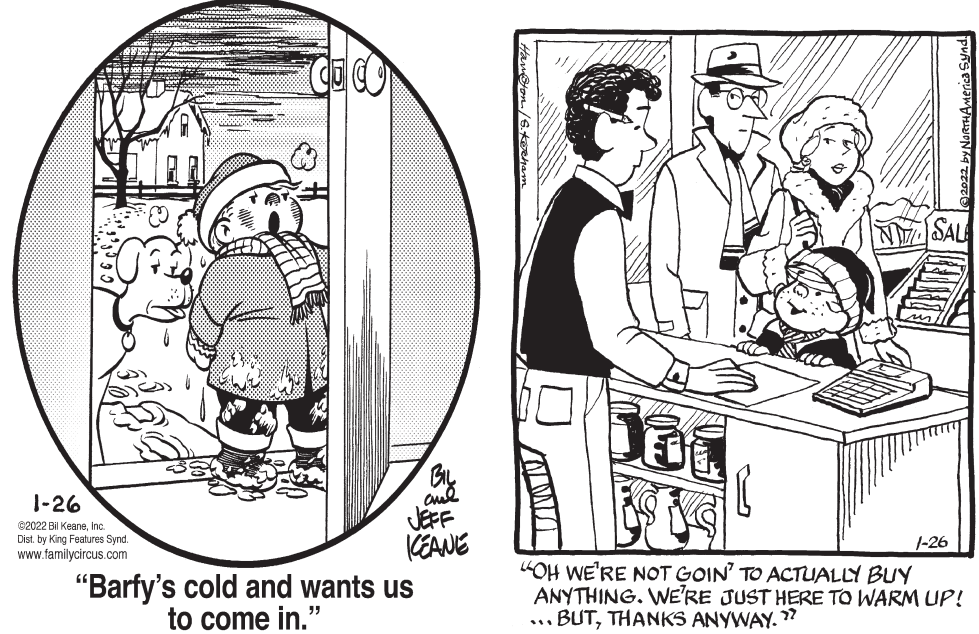


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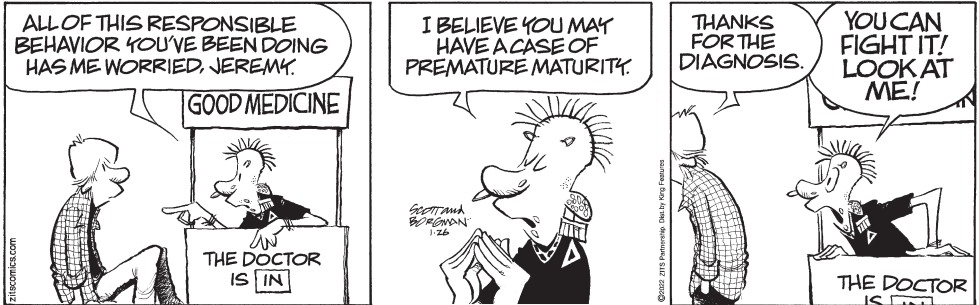
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What happened to customer service?

Dear Annie: Am I the only one who is annoyed by the lack of customer service in our country today? I am in my 70s, and I vividly remember the days when I would call a hotel to make a reservation. A live human being would answer the phone and handle my request.

Now we have to use our computers to find the hotel. Very often, the phone number on the hotel's website goes to a third party that books the reservation and knows nothing about the actual hotel. If you ask a question like, "Do you keep the swimming pool heated?" the answer is that the person on the phone doesn't have the faintest idea.

It used to be easy to call an airline to make a reservation. Once again, real people answered the phone — usually on the first or second ring. You could ask questions, change your mind, find alternatives and hang up with your flight and seat secured just the way you wanted it.

Now calling an airline requires waiting, being put on hold and being given a series of choices; everything is designed to send you back to your

computer to proceed online. At my age, this is incredibly frustrating, especially because I

remember when the airlines took pride in customer service.

How about dealing with your bank? I remember the days when I knew my banker and could call her up to ask a question, and she was always

courteous, personal and efficient. Now I feel like you need a degree in computer science just to get the answer to a simple question.

The same is true with medical care. For many years, our family had the same doctor, who took pride in his practice as a family physician. He died in his sleep in his mid-80s during the lockdowns, and my wife and I are still trying to find a family doctor with a private practice. We have found some very good doctors, but they are all affiliated with corporate-run hospitals, and you can feel that your visit is being timed. Everything is on the clock, so you are ushered in and out. It is so impersonal!

During my annual physical, our old doctor would spend a few minutes chatting after he

took a series of tests. I once asked him why he did that, and he said it was to observe my eyes, my mental clarity and a host of other things that were visible just by observing. Oh, to have a doctor like that back again!

We see this impersonal approach to "customer service" everywhere. How many businesses can you call on the phone and a real person answers it? There are very few, and they are confined mostly to small businesses.

No doubt the new technology has made things more efficient in the long run, but individual people live day to day, not in the long run, and I am concerned that this lack of individual attention is driving me crazy. Am I the only one who has noticed the change? — Too Impersonal

Dear Too Impersonal: Yours is one of many letters I have received on this topic. I am printing it because you give some good examples of frustrations we are coping with in 2022. I am younger than you, but I do sense you are right — that companies used to place a greater emphasis on interacting with their customers. I would be curious to see any feedback from other readers or from executives at large companies who believe that bigger is better, even if it makes the customer feel smaller.



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Think your home value is soaring? Talk to a farmer

Ag prices soaring in Midwest

BY SCOTT MCFETRIDGE
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DES MOINES, Iowa — Fourth-generation corn and soybean farmer Jeff Frank doesn't feel rich, but simply based on the skyrocketing value of his land in northwest Iowa, it's an apt way to describe him, even if he laughs at the idea.

He lives in the same nearly century-old house, grows veggies in the family garden and shops at the same grocery store about 15 miles down the road. "We live the same way we have all of our lives," he said.

Still, even if Frank's life hasn't changed, the several hundred acres he owns about 80 miles northwest of Des Moines have suddenly made him worth millions of dollars.

It may come as a surprise to city dwellers excited by their home values that countless farmers like Frank are actually experiencing a real estate boom that makes residential prices pale in comparison. While median existing-home prices rose by 15.8% in the U.S. last year, farmland values went up about double that rate in places like Iowa.

"I'm definitely surprised by the magnitude," said Wendong Zhang, an economist at Iowa State University who oversees an annual farmland value survey.

The rising values, especially in the Midwest, are due to high prices being paid for the key commodity crops of corn and soybeans, plentiful harvests in recent years coupled with low interest rates and optimism the good times will continue.

But they're a mixed blessing. They're enriching farmers who already have a lot of land, but making it much harder for small operators or younger farmers starting out to get land unless they happen to inherit it.

Most purchases are by operations

that see the value of larger scale, seizing the chance to buy nearby land.

"If you miss this opportunity, you may not get another chance," Zhang said, describing the current mood.

As for consumers, higher land costs typically don't affect grocery prices.

Historically, farmland values rise and fall, but in the past couple decades they have mostly risen, and in the past year they have risen a lot — 33% in Frank's part of the state and 29% throughout Iowa, one of the nation's top agricultural states. Agricultural prices also have soared elsewhere in the Midwest and have climbed in most other parts of the country, too.

Federal Reserve Banks in Chicago and Kansas City reported double-digit increases in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Nebraska.

In Iowa, average farmland has risen from \$7,559 an acre in 2020 to \$9,751 an acre in 2021.

Nationally, farmland was up an average of 7% but that doesn't include the last half of 2021, when prices really took off in many areas.

Farmland prices have even climbed in California despite concerns about persistent drought. In 2021, the average prices of \$10,900 an acre was up 9% from 2020.

The land purchases augment an existing national trend of more agricultural production coming from ever-larger farms.

Dan Sumner, an agricultural economist at the University of California-Davis, credits some of the rising value in switching to higher-value crops, such as replacing alfalfa with nut trees.

Overall, though, Sumner said farmers are feeling good about their future.

"It reflects confidence in the economics of agriculture," he said.

The upswing follows tumultuous years of trade wars, market breakdowns due to the coronavirus pan-

demic and drought in much of the West.

For individual farmers, the biggest benefit of rising values is that they can borrow money at better rates for annual needs like seed and fertilizer and longer-term investments like tractors and even more land.

The high prices have prompted plenty of people to buy and sell land, leading to a record of \$765 million in agricultural land sales last year overseen by Farmers National Company, one of the nation's largest landowner services companies.

Randy Dickhut, a Farmers National real estate broker in Omaha, Nebraska, said a more typical year would see about \$500 million in sales.

"It's been very busy," Dickhut said. "It's certainly easy to sell."

But Holly Rippon-Butler, who runs a dairy with her parents in upstate New York, called the farmland prices increases "just nuts."

"The hard reality is, buying land is almost impossible unless you have some preexisting source of generational family wealth," said Rippon-Butler, who works with the National Young Farmers Coalition, an organization the among other priorities advocates for policy changes and public funding that would enable more people to have access to land.

Given high land prices, Rippon-Butler said beginning farmers she encounters typically work as little as a quarter-acre of land and see 20 acres as a relatively large operation. Many farmers also rent land, and as values rise, so do rental rates.

Frank, the farmer in northwest Iowa, said that even though he's technically wealthier now, it hard for him to expand his holdings as he prepares to pass along the property to the next generation.

"I have a son who farms with me and of course he'd like to expand but buying farmland right now is a big undertaking," he said. "Even for a small farm you're talking about millions of dollars."

SUBSTANCE

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"I don't think anybody is going to give us money without a study," said Keith Howard, coordinator of Healthy Communities Initiative of Jefferson County, who said they need to have data to show that there is a need for the treatment facility, and why the need exists with supporting data.

"I appreciate the work everybody is doing to address a serious problem in our community," said Courtney, who said the need is validated by the county's drug-related crime arrest records over the last year. "It's the majority of the arrests, the majority of the offenders in the jail."

Courtney pointed out that when the jail was in the planning stages the county approached the city about sharing its public safety income tax dollars. Over the course of a six-month negotiation period, an agreement was reached in May of 2020 in which the city would share local income tax on about \$10 million over the 20-year bond period of the jail debt for "the design, construction and operation of a drug treatment program."

Courtney emphasized the importance of offering drug treatment services to inmates in the jail both then and now with the jail being a critical place to move the effort forward into the community. "We can keep talking about what are we going to do, where are we going to put it, how are going to get the money, but we've already eliminated a major barrier" and that is that a contract was signed nearly two years ago between the City of Madison, the County Commis-

sioners and County Council that said "we will put drug treatment services in the jail."

Courtney added, "We felt very strongly if we're ever going to bring these resources to our community that we need to stop talking about it and do it."

"One of the barriers has already been eliminated, and that is a brand new jail is being constructed" in which substance abuse programs can begin there, Courtney said. "Doing it in the jail is a logical thing, then wrap them around a continuum of care services, so when they get out of jail we can do some things to continue to provide treatment and housing and job training and recovery."

"There is a golden opportunity here for JRAC and all of us to say we're going to do this because we've already committed to doing it in the jail, we've already got a program that's certified by the state that's operating in other jails," Courtney continued. "We already know we have a high level of criminal offenses in our community that are drug related. What better place to start treating them than when they're incarcerated, and very open to some type of treatment because they don't want keep living that life that they have. They're looking for solutions."

Courtney said the county's substance abuse problem is likely bigger than what the jail program can accommodate, but "if we get behind this we can start putting something in the win column, and get that experience under our belt," then continue to build from there with more resources and more facilities to help the community address its substance abuse issues in a greater way.

ARRESTS

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charged with Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony. Jackson also faces another Level 6 felony for Neglect of a Dependent Child since her small child was in her care when she was arrested.

Madison Police were assisted at the scene by Jefferson County Jail Officers and the Department of Children Services. Shaffer, Jackson and Konkle were all lodged in the Jefferson County Jail.

Later, at 11:51 a.m., Madison Patrolmen Cameron Blankenship and Trent Smith stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 200 block of West Main Street and Smith's K-9 partner, Colt, gave a positive indication for the presence of narcotics while conducting an open air sniff of the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle discovered



Madison Police Officers Chad Wehner (left) and Jordan Perry (right) search Zachary Daniel Shaffer during an arrest after a traffic stop on West Street just outside the Madison Police Station on Monday morning.

methamphetamine and paraphernalia. A passenger in the vehicle, Richard D. Barnes, 40, of Holton,

was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, and Possession of Para-

phernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Barnes was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail.

OUTBREAK

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but all other Jefferson County schools that were out last week for virtual learning returned to the classroom Monday.

Jefferson County's 181 new cases pushed the county past the 8,000 threshold for a total of 8,030 infections during the pandemic. Carroll County had 50 new cases to make its overall total 2,986, Switzerland County had 36 new cases to take it over

the 2,000 mark with 2,014 and Trimble County had 29 new cases to boost its overall total to 1,867.

Jefferson County's positivity rate is 27.8% while Switzerland County is at 29.4%, Carroll County 38.02% and Trimble County 44.87%. There were no new deaths reported in the four counties with Jefferson at 127 deaths during the pandemic followed by Carroll (38), Trimble (30) and Switzerland (14).

Indiana set a new one-day record for COVID-19 cases reported in the general population with 17,684

new cases on Friday for an overall total of 1,524,527. There were 95 new deaths reported in Indiana, increasing the statewide death toll to just shy of 20,000 at 19,992. Indiana positivity rate is 30.4%.

Kentucky's 16,130 new positive cases and 32.1% positivity rates are both highs since the pandemic started. "Folks, take

care of yourselves," said Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. "New studies today absolutely prove that being vaccinated and boosted protects you from getting real sick from Omicron. Certainly, wearing a mask is real helpful from getting it. Everybody be safe." There were 28 new deaths in Kentucky for an overall total of 12,687.

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Balanced scoring leads Southwestern to win over Rock Creek

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern put together the kind of balanced scoring attack that other teams only dream about and used that diversity to run away with a 71-56 win over Rock Creek at home on Friday.

Five players reached double figures in scoring for the Rebels with three — Mitch Mingione, Parker Davis and Peyton Gwin — scoring 14 points each to lead the way. Overall, Southwestern shot 50% from the floor and hit 18 of its 25 free-throw attempts all the while holding Rock Creek to under 40% for the game.

“All the credit goes to our kids. They’re all unselfish. All they want to do is win,” Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum said. “They keep finding the open guy and passing it out and obviously it worked out for us.”

The game was close throughout the first half. Rock Creek led 16-14 late in the first quarter before seven quick points — five from Mingione and two from Gwin — staked Southwestern to a 21-16 lead at the quarter break.

The Rebels didn’t trail again but it wasn’t until the third quarter that they were able to take control. After taking a 35-26 lead

into halftime, Southwestern saw its lead shrink to six (38-32) after a three-straight baskets by Rock Creek early in the third quarter.

Zach Cole stopped the mini-run with a basket that kick-started a 15-0 Southwestern run that put the game out of reach. Jamison Lewis closed the run with a 3-pointer to put the Rebels ahead 53-34 with 6:10 to play and Southwestern led by as many as 24 before cruising to the win.

While the final score made the win seem easy, it was anything but. Rock Creek dwarfed the smaller Rebels inside with 6-foot-11 junior Marial Diper and 6-foot-7 junior Jaleb Treat controlling the paint. Despite that size advantage, Southwestern out-rebounded the Lions 35-27 and had only one fewer offensive board (13-12).

“Playing against that type of length and size is never going to be real pretty. You just grind every possession,” Nussbaum said. “We tried to get a good shot and defensively just tried to keep them from bowling us over down there in the paint.”

The 6-foot-7 Davis, the only Rebel who could match up physically with the Lions, was

6-for-9 from the floor and had five rebounds while scoring 14 points. Mingione hit a pair of 3-pointers and was 4-for-4 from the free-throw line to get his 14 while Gwin came off the bench to spark the Rebels with 14 points, three rebounds and three steals.

Cole gave up nearly a foot to Diper inside but still powered his way to 13 points and five rebounds for Southwestern while Lewis returned to the line-up after a few games off to score 10 points.

Rock Creek was also balanced, but just didn’t have as many points. Gavin Gullion hit four 3-pointers and scored 12 points to lead the way, Ladarius Wallace and Diper scored 11 each and Keajuan Beco had 10 points.

Southwestern, now 9-5 on the season, plays three games this week. The Rebels host New Washington today in a make-up game from earlier in the season then hit the road this weekend with games at Milan on Friday and Mitchell on Saturday.

The schedule is tight for the Rebels but it could have been worse. Southwestern was scheduled to play at Austin last Satur-



Southwestern’s Peyton Gwin (32) shoots over Rock Creek’s Jaleb Treat (40) during Friday’s Rebel win at home.

David Campbell

day but that game was canceled. But despite the four games in eight days, Nussbaum said that his team will be ready.

“We’ve got three games next week. I talked to the boys a lot

about how it’s a little bit like an NBA schedule. But the kids like it,” Nussbaum said, then added with a smile, “They may not say the same thing after next Saturday.”



Shawe’s Yolett Perez (12) goes hard to the basket past Clarksville’s Julia Perissi (32) during the Hilltoppers’ win on Saturday afternoon.

Shawe’s offense gets on track in 44-34 win over Clarksville

BY JORDAN BEAR

Shawe’s offense wasn’t clicking in losses to New Washington and Hauser earlier this week but the Hilltoppers were finally able to put together a complete game and pick up a 44-34 win over Clarksville in girls basketball on Saturday.

Although Shawe trailed after the first quarter, the Hilltoppers took a lead they would not relinquish in the second quarter and were able to put together clutch shots in the third and fourth quarters to keep the Generals at bay.

“A win is a win. If we can get a victory on Monday, that’ll get us back at .500,” Shawe coach Terry King said. “We’d have one game left after that; hopefully getting us ready for the sectional.”

Shawe started off the game well, jumping out to a quick 9-4 lead, but turnovers proved costly and the Generals capitalized to take a 13-9 lead after one period. The second quarter was all Shawe as the Hilltopper got some shots to fall and outscored Clarksville

11-4 to take a 20-17 halftime lead.

The game was played close for a good chunk of the third quarter but freshman Allison Knoebel, who finished with a game-high 21 points, scored 13 points in the period. That allowed Shawe to pull away and a bucket as time expired gave the Hilltoppers a 33-23 lead heading into the final period.

Clarksville cut the lead to four at one point in the fourth quarter, but a big basket by Harlee Hill, and clutch free throws by Yolett Perez, allowed the Hilltoppers to comfortably hold onto the win late.

King was very happy with win, but said there are things he wants his team to work on heading into the final week of the regular season.

“When we call a set play, they need to run the play,” King said. “There were times where we would call a play and they just wouldn’t run it. They would try to do stuff themselves and to beat good teams you have to run the plays. That won’t work in the sectional, but overall I’m very happy

that they won today, especially on senior day.”

In addition to Knoebel’s game-high 21 points, fellow freshmen Harlee Hill and Ava Turner each had seven points. Clarksville was led by Dahja Gates with 10 points.

On Friday night, the Hilltoppers were defeated by Hauser 46-36. Shawe played fairly well defensively and had good ball movement, but the shots simply wouldn’t fall as they finished only 27% from the field.

Turner led Shawe in scoring with 10 points while Knoebel had nine.

Shawe, now 8-9 on the season, was traveling to Crothersville on Monday night before wrapping up its season at Rising Sun on Thursday. King feels like it can be a good week for his young team.

“We have a chance to enter the sectional at one game above .500,” King said. “For as young as we are, that would be pretty special. So hopefully we clean up some mistakes, get a win Monday, and then get ready for Thursday.”

Shawe, Southwestern each draw bye in girls basketball sectional

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe and Southwestern each drew first-round byes for the upcoming IHSAA Girls Basketball Sectional Tournaments that tip off next week.

The Hilltoppers, who have never reached the sectional championship game, get a bye into the semifinals and will play the winner between West Washington and Edinburgh in the Class A Tournament at West Washington.

Southwestern, which hosts the Class 2A Sectional, will take on the winner between Switzerland County and South Decatur in the semifinals.

Madison did not draw the bye and will play North Harrison in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional at North Harrison.

The tournament begins on Tuesday, Feb. 1 and runs through Saturday, Feb. 5.

Pairings are:



Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7 p.m.

CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 45 at Southwestern

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Game 1 — South Decatur (3-15) vs. Switzerland Co. (15-5), 6 p.m.

Game 2 — North Decatur (14-6) vs. South Ripley (12-8), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

Game 3 — Southwestern (5-16) vs. Winner Game 1, 6 p.m.

Game 4 — Milan (5-15) vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Championship — Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7 p.m.

CLASS 1A SECTIONAL 62 at West Washington

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Game 1 — West Washington (12-7) vs. Edinburgh (8-7), 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

Game 2 — Trinity Lutheran (13-7) vs. Crothersville (3-11), 6 p.m.

Game 3 — Shawe (8-9) vs. Winner Game 1, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Championship — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, Jan. 25 BASKETBALL

Southwestern boys host New Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls host Beechwood, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls at Kentucky Country Day, 6 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys host Ludlow, 7:30 p.m.

Hanover men host Rose-Hulman, 7:30 p.m.

Hanover women at Rose-Hulman, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Rising Sun, 6 p.m.

Madison girls host Trinity Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern girls hosts Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

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HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Big run dooms Southwestern girls in 62-40 loss to Rising Sun

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Rising Sun used a 26-0 run spanning the first two quarters to pull away to a 62-40 win over Southwestern in girls basketball Saturday in Hanover.

The two teams were locked in a tight battle for the first 5:30 of the game, but that all changed in a heartbeat. Southwestern's Emma Long scored on a basket with 2:38 left in the first to cut Rising Sun's lead to 13-9 and the Rebels didn't score again for another six minutes of game time.

During that span, Rising Sun took over the game. Junior Baylee Morris scored 14 of her game-high 22 points during a 26-0 run that turned the close game into a rout. By the time Southwestern's Riley Scroggins broke the run with a basket with 4:14 left in the second, the Shiners were holding a 39-9 lead.

Southwestern played virtually even with Rising Sun the rest of the way. The Shiners' largest lead of the game was 32 points (47-15) early in the third quarter and the Rebels outscored Rising Sun 16-7 in the fourth quarter to close the final gap to 22.

Long scored 13 points to lead Southwestern while Scroggins had 10, Ashley Fulton added nine and Parker Mefford scored six. The Rebels picked up nearly half of their points at the free-throw line where they were 16-for-25 on the day.

Along with Morris, Alyssa Simpson had 14 points and Nora Powell scored 11 for Rising Sun (8-12, 2-2 Ohio River Valley).

Southwestern, now 5-16 overall and 1-3 in the ORVC, hosts Class A No. 5 Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday and closes out the regular season at home against South Ripley on Saturday.

SWITZ GIRLS BEAT UNION CO.

Switzerland County took a big lead into halftime and cruised to a 43-26 win over Union County at home in girls basketball on Saturday.

The Pacers led 21-10 at the break and outscored the Patriots 22-16 in the second half to pick up the win.

Maddie Duvall had 10 points and eight deflections to lead Switzerland while Halle Archer had nine points and five rebounds. Jessie Duvall filled the stat sheet with four points, eight assists, five deflections and four steals.

Switzerland, now 15-5 on the season, hosts Rising Sun today and wraps up the regular season at home against South Ripley on Thursday.

PACERS SPLIT TWO GAMES

Switzerland County split a pair of road games in boys basketball over the weekend.



Southwestern's Ashley Fulton (12) dribbles against Rising Sun's Nora Powell during Saturday's game at home.

On Friday, the Pacers traveled to Rising Sun and suffered a 40-36 loss in Ohio River Valley Conference play. Switzerland regrouped on Saturday, scoring a 45-33 win at Trinity Lutheran.

Switzerland County and Rising Sun were tied at 33-33 heading into the fourth quarter of their matchup on Friday. Neither team scored much in the final frame with the host Shiners pulling out the four-point win.

Freshman Cam Craig returned from a week away with 16 points and nine rebounds to lead Switzerland while sophomore Jacob Williams had 12 points. Ben Hicks added five points and Bryce Wrightsman had three points and four assists.

Switzerland used a 15-2 second quarter to build a 21-10 lead on Trinity, then held off of the Cougars in the second half for the victory on Saturday.

Williams had 13 points while Hicks scored 12. Craig had nine points and 12 rebounds and Wrightsman and Canaan Johnson scored four each.

Switzerland County, now 6-9 overall on the season, falls to 0-3 in ORVC play. The Pacers host Milan on Saturday.

CARROLL GIRLS BEAT HENRY

Carroll County picked up a big conference and district win 44-40 over Henry County at home in girls basketball on Friday.

The Panthers were led in scoring by Kaitlyn Hensley with 14 points, and Courtney Strickland with nine. Madie Hicks chipped in seven points.

On Saturday, Carroll suffered a 76-47 loss at Pendleton County.

Carroll, now 7-10 overall on the season, improved to 4-3 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 4-2 in 31st District play. The Panthers traveled to South Oldham on Monday and head to Kentucky Country Day today. Carroll then hosts Williamstown on Friday.

LADY RAIDERS BEAT EMINENCE

Trimble County picked up its third win of the season but then dropped a conference road game in a pair of girls basketball contests over the weekend.

On Friday, the Raiders traveled to Eminence and came away with a 29-14 win. Eminence has pulled out of the 31st District Tournament this year and the game did not count in the district standings.

On Saturday, Trimble suffered a 66-38 loss at Walton-Verona. Addison Edmondson had 12 points, Peyton Butters scored 10 and Gracie Jent and Danielle Craig had four each.

Trimble, now 3-16 overall and 2-6 in the North Central Kentucky Conference, hosts Beechwood today and hosts St. Francis on Friday.

TRIMBLE BOYS FALL TO EMINENCE

Tate Ogburn had a monster double-double of 18 points and 17 rebounds but it wasn't enough as Trimble County suffered an 81-67 loss at Eminence in boys basketball on Friday.

Hunter Kelly scored 23 points to lead the Raiders while James Thomas Wilcoxson had 11 points and Ethan Horn scored 10.

Trimble, now 5-16 overall on the season, falls to 2-5 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 2-4 in 31st District play. The Raiders traveled to Ryle on Monday night and host St. Francis on Friday.

PANTHERS BOYS LOSE TO HENRY

Carroll County suffered a 63-53 loss to Henry County at home in boys basketball on Friday.

The Panthers, now 1-16 overall on the season, fall to 1-6 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 1-5 in 31st District play. Carroll hosts Ludlow on Wednesday and faces Nicholas County in the Gary Moore Classic at Franklin County on Saturday.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
• Southwestern knocked off Rock Creek 50-24 in junior varsity boys basketball Friday at home.
Claytin Sontag had 15 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Rebels while Peyton Cloud had 13 points.
Southwestern hosts New Washington today and heads to Milan on Friday.
• Switzerland County defeated Rising Sun 35-24 on Friday and lost

45-41 to Trinity Lutheran on Saturday in junior varsity boys basketball.
The Pacers host Milan on Saturday.
• Switzerland County jayvee girls basketball rallied to beat Union County 34-30 at home on Saturday.
The Pacers host Rising Sun today.
• Trimble County junior varsity girls basketball defeated Eminence 29-12 on Friday and lost 37-16 to Walton-Verona on Saturday.
The Raiders host Beechwood today.

Martin leads Hanover track with 3 wins in season opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover College track & field opened the 2022 indoor season with the Mount St. Joseph January Invitational on Saturday.

The Hanover women posted six first-place finishes and placed second as a team with 114 points in the seven-team field while the men had a win and placed third with 66 points. Wilmington won both meets, scoring 119 points in the women's competition and 167 in the men.

Zaleeya Martin, a sophomore from Shelbyville, picked up three wins on the day for the Hanover women. Martin won the 60-meter dash in 7.97 and

the 200 dash in 28.06 and then teamed with Nina Jazdzewski, Alexis Gerke and Makenzie Carroll to win the 800 relay in 1:53.83.

Gerke also won the 60 hurdles in 10.06, Jazdzewski won the pole vault at 2.87 meters, and Lilli Seals won the high jump at 1.40 meters.

Jalen Simmons picked up a win in the men's pole vault at 3.81 meters for Hanover's lone win.

Other top three finishes for the women were: Jessica Beckman, second, shot put, 12.04m; Jazdzewski, Carroll, Hanna Whitney and Amberleigh Sorensen, second, 1600 relay, 4:32.37;

Whitney, third, 1-mile run, 5:50.87; Allie Thomas, third, 3000 run, 12:26.07; Kamran Miles, third, shot put, 9.81; and Ally McGuire, third, pole vault, 2.42.

Other top three finishes for the men were: Will Simpson, second, 60 hurdles, 9.13; Erikmycal Powell, second, high jump, 1.85; Justin Johnson, second, pole vault, 3.81; Nate Reynolds, Alex Galanti, James Underwood and Erik Perkins, second, 800 relay, 1:38.48; and Reynolds, third, 60 dash, 7.30.

Hanover competes on Friday in the Friday Night Spikes event at Rose-Hulman.

McPherson FG as time expires lifts Bengals past Titans

BY TERESA M. WALKER
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Maybe, just maybe, these young Cincinnati Bengals really are that good.

Especially with the way they keep ending postseason droughts. And with their latest victory putting them in the franchise's first AFC championship game in 33 years — and a win away from the Super Bowl.

Rookie Evan McPherson kicked a 52-yard field goal as time expired, lifting the fourth-seeded Bengals past the top-seeded Tennessee Titans 19-16 on Saturday to end the NFL's longest active road playoff skid.

"He's got ice in his veins," Cincinnati coach Zac Taylor said of McPherson. "There's not much more to be said. He's just as cool as it gets."

A week after snapping a 31-year playoff victory drought, the Bengals (12-7) finally won their first road game in the postseason after losing their first seven. They reached the 1981 and 1988 Super Bowls by winning on their home field.

"We're here to make some noise, and teams are going to have to pay attention to us," Cincinnati quarterback Joe Burrow said.

Cincinnati will play in the AFC championship game next Sunday at the winner of the Buffalo-Kansas City matchup. They play in the other AFC divisional round game Sunday.

The Bengals intercepted Ryan Tannehill three times, setting up two of McPherson's four field goals. Logan Wilson picked off Tannehill with 20 seconds left. Burrow hit Pro Bowl rookie receiver Ja'Marr Chase with a 19-yard pass, then the Bengals ran twice to set up McPherson for the win.

"That's a kicker's dream," McPherson said, "to have the game on your shoulders."

Burrow shook off being sacked nine times as Tennessee tied an NFL mark held by four other teams for the most in the postseason. He threw for 348 yards to become the first quarterback taken No. 1 overall to win a divisional game within his first two seasons.

Chase finished with 109 yards receiving.

Joe Mixon ran for the Bengals' lone touchdown, a 16-yarder on their first drive of the third quarter.

"We found a way all year," Burrow said. "Man, crazy, crazy game. That's a really, really good team. Unbelievable defensive line. They had a great plan on defense. Credit to them, we found a way at the end."

The Titans (12-6) wrapped up their 25th season in Tennessee with their third straight loss on their own field as the AFC's No. 1 seed. They haven't won at home since January 2003 in the postseason.

"I don't think Ryan or myself or anybody did enough to win the game," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "That's how it goes. It's never going to be about one person, not as long as I'm head coach, which will be a while."

Tennessee had Derrick Henry, the 2020 AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year, on the field after he missed nine games with a broken foot. He ran for a touchdown and finished with 66 yards.

Tannehill was picked off on the Titans' first play of the game. His second came on first-and-goal at the Bengals 9 in the third. He finished with 220 yards passing. A.J. Brown had five catches for 142 yards.

Hanover men pull away in 2nd half for 67-57 win over Bluffton

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover College outscored Bluffton by 10 points in the second half to pull away to a 67-57 win in men's basketball Saturday on the road.

The two teams were tied 29-29 at halftime before the Panthers shot nearly 60% over the final 20 minutes to claim the road win.

Matt Munoz had a double-double of 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead Hanover while Ty Houston had 13 points and Isaac Hibbard scored 10.

Hanover, now 13-2 on the season, improves to 9-1 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and maintains a two-game lead over Anderson in the league standings. The Panthers host Rose-Hulman on Wednesday

and host Defiance on Saturday.

WOMEN FALL TO DEFIANCE

Hanover shot just 38% from the floor in a 77-68 loss at Bluffton in women's basketball on Saturday.

The Panthers led 28-20 after the first quarter but were outscored 22-10 in the second quarter and 21-12 in the fourth in suffering the league loss.

Grace Bezold had 19 points on 9-of-14 shooting and added eight rebounds while Taylor Heath had 14 points.

Hanover falls to 7-7 overall and is currently seventh in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference at 4-5. The Panthers travel to Rose-Hulman on Wednesday and hosts Defiance on Saturday.

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Streaking Auburn wins 80-71 over Kentucky

BY JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Ala. — Students set up camp outside Auburn Arena for at least 24 hours, waiting to get into the biggest home game in years.

The second-ranked Tigers made it worth the wait.

Walker Kessler scored 19 points and K.D. Johnson added 17, helping Auburn keep its hot streak alive and make a case for the top ranking with an 80-71 victory over No. 12 Kentucky on Saturday.

The Tigers (18-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) rallied from a 10-point deficit to win their 15th straight in likely the biggest home game since the arena opened in 2010. It was big enough that students at the traditional football school were pitching tents by Friday morning and endured the cold weather overnight to make sure they got in.

“To me it felt like a movie,” Johnson said. “I never played in anything like that. It’s just so fun.”

The Tigers, who have matched the highest ranking in program history, are hoping to move up to the top spot for the first time.



Fans chanted No. 1 in the final moments, hoping their team will supplant Gonzaga.

“Sometimes it’s hard to have such high expectations be lived up to,” Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. “But I don’t think there’s any question that that game and that environment lived up to anybody’s expectations.”

Kentucky’s No. 2 scorer, TyTy Washington, only played eight minutes and scored four points before being helped off the court with a left ankle injury. He didn’t return.

“That hurt us. No excuse though,” Wildcats coach John Calipari said. “We had our chances to win. We had breakdowns defensively.

“Defensively, the lob play, which we just kept telling the guys get off, but they just didn’t do it. They’ve done this to a lot of teams, but it was something that we thought we could guard.”

Johnson made 3 of 5 3-pointers for Auburn. Kes-

sler hit 8 of 10 shots and had seven rebounds. Jabari Smith had 14 points and seven boards for the Tigers, who hit their first 15 free throws in the second half.

Wendell Green Jr. was scoreless for the first 28 minutes, then hit a pair of 3-pointers in a 25-second span and finished with 11 points.

Oscar Tshiebwe had 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots for Kentucky (15-4, 5-2) and was already hoping for a rematch.

“I don’t think they’re better than us,” Tshiebwe said. “I think we’re going to beat them. I want to play them again.”

Kellan Grady made 4 of 7 3-pointers and scored 17 points. Sahvir Wheeler, Johnson’s former teammate at Georgia, also scored 17 points and had four assists but was also dealing with an apparent leg injury late.

The Tigers, who trailed by 10 points during the first half, took a 64-52 lead with 6:07 remaining. Johnson hit three free throws after getting fouled on a 3-point shot — as Jaylin Williams and Jabari Smith had earlier in the half.

Stefanovic leads No. 4 Purdue past Northwestern 80-60

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Sasha Stefanovic’s early 3-point flurry helped No. 4 Purdue regain its footing Sunday.

The Boilermakers took the cue and finished strong.

Stefanovic made a season-high six 3s on his way to 22 points, and Purdue beat Northwestern 80-60 while playing without Jaden Ivey.

“You take away your leading scorer and there’s going to be more opportunities to get shots,” Stefanovic said. “Luckily, I was able to make some early and get going and then these guys got going, too.”

With Ivey sidelined by an injured hip flexor, Stefanovic stepped up. But he had plenty of help.

Trevion Williams and Zach Edey each finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Eric Hunter Jr. added 10 points as coach Matt Painter tied Ward “Piggy” Lambert for second on the school’s career victories list with his 371st win at his alma mater. Painter and Lambert also are fifth in Big Ten history.

Purdue (16-3, 5-3) has won 10 straight in the



series, bouncing back nicely after losing at Indiana on Thursday.

The Wildcats were led by Boo Buie with 17 points. Pete Nance and Robbie Beran each scored nine for Northwestern (9-8, 2-6), which has lost six of seven and has never won a road game against a top-five opponent.

“You kind of feel if you hold the two big guys to 24 points, you’ve got a chance,” coach Chris Collins said, referring to Edey and Williams. “But they still got to 80 points because of what the other guys did.”

Stefanovic made 4 of 5 shots, all from 3-point range, and all four of his free-throw attempts in the first half. His third 3 spurred a 9-0 run that helped the Boilermakers to a 29-15 lead, and he scored seven more points in the

closing minutes of the first half to give Purdue a 40-28 advantage.

Northwestern cut the deficit to five when it opened the second half with seven straight points, but Purdue eventually went on a 16-5 run to open a 64-47 lead with 8:03 to play.

“I think Sasha got us off to such a good start without Jaden, you just wanted to come out and play hard, play with an edge,” Hunter said.

With Chase Audige dealing with an apparent right ankle injury and Nance in foul trouble, the Wildcats couldn’t get closer than eight the rest of the game.

BIG PICTURE

Northwestern: For the first time in school history, the Wildcats faced three consecutive top-10 teams. The problem Sunday: They lacked the size or strength to match up inside with Purdue’s big men. And when they tried to defend the post, the Boilermakers beat them from long range.

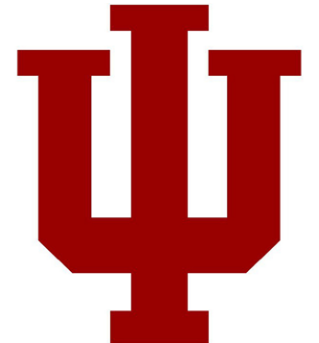
Dickinson pushes Michigan in 2nd half, beats Indiana

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Hunter Dickinson scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half and Michigan hit 11 3-pointers to pull away and post a convincing 80-62 win at Indiana on Sunday.

In two games since returning from COVID-19 protocols, Dickinson has scored 46 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and made 10 assists.

Michigan (9-7, 3-3 Big 10) finished shooting 56.9% from the field (29 of 51)



and knocked down 11 of 17 shots from 3-point range (64.7%).

Indiana took a 4-2 lead

early, but the Wolverines grabbed the lead for good on a Dickinson dunk with 16:27 left in the first half as part of a 9-0 run, and Dickinson’s 3-pointer with 12:46 left gave them their first 10-point lead, 17-7. Indiana battled back and trailed by eight at intermission.

Dickinson hit 3 of 4 from long range while grabbing nine rebounds. Caleb Houston hit 5 of 7 from distance and finished with 19 points. Moussa Diabate added 10 points and seven

rebounds and Terrance Williams II added 10 points off the bench.

Trayce Jackson-Davis scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Indiana (14-5, 5-4). Xavier Johnson added 14 points and six assists.

Michigan returns home to host Northwestern Wednesday before traveling to face No. 14 Michigan State Saturday. Indiana hosts Penn State Wednesday (TV: Live on BTN at 8:30 p.m.).

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3	WAVE	6 2	News	NBC	News	News	Ameri	Grand	This Is Us (N)		New Amsterdam	News	
4	WTTV	4	News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	FBI "Trauma"		FBI: Internat		FBI-Wanted	News	
5	WLWT	2	News	NBC	WLWT	Holly	Ameri	Grand	This Is Us (N)		New Amsterdam	News	
9	WISN	12	News 8 at 6PM	Inside	ET	Sheldon	Superman-Lois		Naomi (N)		News 8 at 10PM	News	
13	WCPO	23	News	ABC	News	The List	Judge-Harvey		Abbott black-		Judge-Harvey	News	
11	WHAS	11 4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Judge-Harvey		Abbott black-		Judge-Harvey	News	
13	WKPC	13	Collect	News	PBS NewsHour	Finding-Roots			Am. Experience		Frontline		
19	WXIX	10	FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	9-1-1: Lone Star		Our-People		FOX19		FOX19
22	WLKY	5 5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	FBI "Trauma"		FBI: Internat		FBI-Wanted	News	
62	WBKI	7 7	Mod	Last	Sheldon	Theory	Superman-Lois		Naomi (N)		Theory	Sheldon	Two
41	WDRB	8 9	News	News	Judge	Judge	9-1-1: Lone Star		Our-People		WDRB News	News	
A&E		28 36	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Ship	Ship	Storage
AMC		29 26	(4:00) *** "Casino" (1995)				** "Midway" (2019)		Ed Skrein, Patrick Wilson.		"Men		
COM		45 59	Office	Office	Office	(:45) The Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Daily
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FREE		18 40	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	700
FX		40 28	(5:00) *** "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2019)				*** "Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood" (2019)						
HBO		201 17	Real	The Gilded Age	(:45) *** "The Suicide Squad" (2021)						REAL Sports	Eu	HBO
MAX		270 73	(5:12) *** "Gangs of New York" (2002)				*** "The World's End" (2013)				(9:50) *** "Man Up" (2019)		
PARMT		35 41	Two	Two	*** "Batman Begins" (2005)		Christian Bale.				*** "The Dark Knight" (2008)		
SHOW		221 16	(5:30) "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (1999)				*** "Django Unchained" (2012)				(:45) Billions		
TMC		233 74	(:15) "Dreamland" (2019)				"A Royal Night Out"		(:40) ** "A Call to Spy" (2019)				
TNT		27 43	"Avengers: End"	Pre		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Nets					NBA Basketball		
USA		26 33	(5:30) *** "Die Hard 2" (1990)			WWE NXT (N)	(Live)				(:08) *** "Die Hard" (1978)		
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3	WAVE	6	2	News	NBC	News	News	Chicago Med	Chicago Fire		Chicago P.D.		News	
4	WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	Let's Make a	Amazing Race		Good Sam (N)		News	
5	WLWT	2		News	NBC	WLWT	Holly	Chicago Med	Chicago Fire		Chicago P.D.		News	
9	WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM	Inside	ET		DC's Legends	Batwoman (N)		News 8 at 10PM		News	
13	WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	Gold	Wonder	Con	Home	The Chase	News	
11	WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Gold	Wonder	Con	Home	The Chase	News	
13	WKPC	13		Con	News	PBS NewsHour		Animals-Cam	NOVA (N)		Nature Events		Legis.	
19	WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	I Can See Your	Next Level Chef		FOX19		FOX19	
22	WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Let's Make a	Amazing Race		Good Sam (N)		News	
62	WBKI	7	7	Mod	Last	Sheldon	Theory	DC's Legends	Batwoman (N)		Theory	Sheldon	Two	
41	WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	I Can See Your	Next Level Chef		WDRB News		News	
A&E		28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			(:01) The First 48		First 48	
AMC		29	26	(5:00) ** "Midway" (2019)				** "Pearl Harbor" (2001)	War	Ben Affleck.			"Kill	
COM		45	59	South	South	South	(:45) South Park	South	South	South	South	South	Daily	
DISC		31	38	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)			Growing Belushi		Distiller	
DISN		25	29	Lady	Lady	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Lady
ESPN		32	44	SportsCenter		NBA		NBA Basketball: Grizzlies at Spurs			NBA Basketball			
FREE		18	40	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	700
FX		40	28	"Once Upon a Time"				** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013)			"Skyscraper"			
HBO		201	17	(:15) *** "The Queen" (2006)				The Gilded Age		(:25) *** "Nobody" (2019)			Gem	
MAX		270	73	(5:58) *** "Rocky" (1976)				** "The Faculty" (1998)		(:45) ** "The Quiet Ones" (2014)				
ARMT		35	41	Two	Two	**** "The Dark Knight" (2008)		Christian Bale.			(:25) "Star Trek"			
HOW		221	16	** "Last Holiday" (2006)				*** "Lee Daniels' The Butler"		(:15) *** "Philadelphia"				
MC		233	74	"Burden" (2018)		Garrett Hedlund.		*** "A Most Violent Year" (2014)		(:05) "Skin" (2018)				
NT		27	43	Bones		Foodies	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Red Wings				NHL Hockey			
USA		26	33	9-1-1 "Stuck"		9-1-1 (N)		9-1-1 "Dosed"		Resident Alien		Astrid & Lilly	Resi	
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Jefferson Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-1904-MF-00358, wherein Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company was Plaintiff, and Charlene J.

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Sherbet and State of Indiana were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 24th day of February, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 317 South Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

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O M G R W N W C Y H V W L M M X M I X X J O E
T W K M N W O M G J A H G J I O I W K H H V W S. ”
— W X V W I S E

Previous Solution: “Kids shouldn’t see all the violence they do these days. But the industry just doesn’t care.” — Linda Blair

TODAY’S CLUE: *K equals J*

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“ V F V U D Y E R A Z D H K P M A Y Y H S V , D H K
M T U V M I D M U V . D H K ’ U V W R N O T D H A
Y E V O M Y E Y H I R W X H F V U R A Z R Y. ”
— M T R X R M C V D W

Previous Solution: “I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them.” — Ed Helms

TODAY’S CLUE: *M equals W*

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	6	9	5	8	4	1	7	2
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7	5	4	1	6	2	8	9	3
9	4	3	8	7	5	6	2	1
1	8	2	6	4	3	7	5	9
5	7	6	9	2	1	3	8	4
4	1	7	2	9	8	5	3	6
2	3	8	4	5	6	9	1	7
6	9	5	3	1	7	2	4	8

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	1	6	9	8	2	3	7	5
5	3	7	1	4	6	2	9	8
2	8	9	7	3	5	1	4	6
7	5	2	8	6	1	9	3	4
9	4	3	5	2	7	8	6	1
1	6	8	4	9	3	7	5	2
8	2	5	3	7	4	6	1	9
3	9	1	6	5	8	4	2	7
6	7	4	2	1	9	5	8	3

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

ACROSS

- Fall flower
- The younger Guthrie
- Parts of a play
- Lout
- Low-quality
- Withered
- Alteration
- Earnest request
- Realize
- Building wing
- Norma Jean
- Exclusively
- Cosmonaut space lab
- Barely enough
- Put back into office
- Water lily
- Carried, as by the wind
- Kept under wraps
- Assayers' samples
- Tennis locale
- Type of bean
- Golfers' org.
- Sects
- “Oh, shut up!” (2 wds.)
- Has an effect on
- Large fleet
- Sun Devils sch.
- Barter
- Uses a coupon

- Chicago Loop trains
- Cruces, N.M.
- Russian range
- Exile
- Calf's bellow
- British prep school
- Overdo a role
- Long-active volcano
- Magritte's name
- Tendon

DOWN

- Pro votes
- Identical
- “Of — I Sing”
- L-o-n-g time
- Hammers and mice
- Suitably
- King, to monsieur
- Impend
- Adorn
- Long to
- Honeycomb unit
- Card after deuce
- Connery of 007 fame
- Confederate
- Upset
- Responsibility
- Piggy's dinner
- Welsh dog

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

G	O	B	I		D	O	T	E	S		H	I	D	E
O	V	E	N		E	X	U	L	T		I	D	O	L
Y	A	R	D		L	I	B	I	A		J	E	L	L
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A	P	S	O		E	A	T	E	R		E	L	S	A
M	E	O	W		E	W	E	R	S		N	E	O	N

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- Elite squad (hyph.)
- Defeats
- Does it wrong
- Dinnerware
- Fainthearted
- Gulp down
- Computer fodder
- Vine crop
- Light source
- Instance
- Breaks violently
- Saffron dish

- Belt maker's tools
- Fishing net
- Country cousin
- Q.E.D. part
- First light of day
- Jade
- Ponce de —
- Feed the kitty
- Olio or dahl
- Miss Piggy's refusal
- 2,001, to Caesar

ACROSS

- Snake's warning
- Water main
- Persian Gulf craft
- Is, in Avila
- Elevator inventor
- Tenet
- Caramel-topped custard
- Pantyhose shades
- Forum wear
- Ivy shoot
- Thrift
- Warning floats
- GI mail drop
- Secure
- Posh hotel lobbies
- Rule
- Clump of dirt
- Melody
- Domestic animal
- Stew
- Sink downward
- Mountain range near China
- Mesh
- Extreme prefix
- Fencer's phrase (2 wds.)
- Worn at the edges

- Once called
- Upriver spawner
- Deep regret
- Briefly (2 wds.)
- Legal excuse
- Auditioned
- Three-sided blade
- Luxury hideaway
- Softball or tennis
- Carry on
- Three-legged frame
- Cooler or jug
- gin fizz

DOWN

- Bulk
- Atlas dot
- Comedian — Laurel
- Flood stopper
- Elixir
- Gondolier's land
- Sewing kit item
- Latin I verb
- Leggy swimmers
- Resolve a problem (2 wds.)
- Toy block brand
- Party cheese
- Promising
- Wishing undone

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

A	S	T	E	R		A	R	L	O		A	C	T	S		
Y	A	H	O	O		P	O	O	R		S	E	R	E		
E	M	E	N	D	A	T	I	O	N		P	L	E	A		
S	E	E			E	L	L			M	A	R	I	L	Y	N
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E	T	N	A		R	E	N	E			S	I	N	E	W	

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- King and queen
- Quick quips
- Whale like Shamu
- “— Street Blues”
- Magnate
- Frog cousin
- Stale and damp
- Catch
- Whey opposite
- Mild oath
- Fairy-tale heavies
- Flings

- Base
- Froths
- TV antenna
- -bender
- Marlins' city
- Speak wildly
- Essay byline
- Inch fractions
- Joule fractions
- Translucent gem
- Nevada town
- Pierre's noggin
- Chow down

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Bridges, Biyombo lead Suns to 113-103 win over Pacers

BY DAVID BRANDT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Devin Booker wound up for a celebratory windmill dunk in the final minute, but misjudged it badly. The ball clanged off the back of the rim and ricocheted downcourt as the home crowd groaned.

The Phoenix Suns' star guard retreated with a sheepish grin.

It was one of the few things that's gone wrong lately for the NBA's top team.

Mikal Bridges tied a season high with 23 points, Bismack Biyombo matched his career best with 21 and the Suns won their sixth straight game by beating the Indiana Pacers 113-103 on Saturday night.



Biyombo also grabbed 13 rebounds as the Suns improved their NBA-best record to 36-9, shaking off a tough night for Booker, the team's leading scorer. He finished with just 11 points on 5-of-23 shooting, including 0 for 6 from 3-point range.

"That's what makes us a pretty good team," Bridges said. "Everybody can play, everybody can hoop. We just feed off of each other and we're all unselfish. We play for each other and find each other."

Chris Paul added 18 points and 16 assists for the Suns. Bridges shot 10 of 15 from the field to help Phoenix equal its best start through 45 games. The Suns have opened 36-9 three other times, most recently during the 2006-07 season.

"Bridges really killed us tonight," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "With the way he does things off the ball, he finds the nook and crannies, he gets open for 3s in the corners.

He was tremendous."

Phoenix had a 59-54 halftime and then went on an 8-0 run to start the third quarter to take control. The Suns pushed their advantage to 20 points late in the third and took a 92-74 lead into the fourth. The Pacers cut it to 105-99 with 3:59 left but couldn't get any closer.

"We're just trying to pile up wins," Paul said. "We could have been a little more solid down the stretch."

The short-handed Pacers were coming off impressive back-to-back wins against the Lakers and Warriors but couldn't keep the momentum going. Chris Duarte and Lance Stephenson both scored 17

points. Goga Bidatze added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

"With the guys we have out, we've got to be gritty and tough and resourceful," Carlisle said. "That was really how we were in the first and fourth quarters. In the second and third we didn't play well."

The Suns have been playing some of their basketball of the season, returning to the desert for Saturday's game after a 5-0 road trip.

Phoenix had a five-point halftime lead after shooting 54.3% in the first half. Paul had 14 points and nine assists, and Bridges added 13 points. Duarte led the Pacers with 11 points.

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